

Oyster EIS Working Schedule¹

EIS Component	Milestones Accomplished	Updated Schedule
Define Scope of EIS	Publish Notice of Intent for preparing EIS in Federal Register.	January 5, 2004
	Conduct public scoping meetings.	January 5 to February 27, 2004
	Define purpose and need statement, and range of alternatives to be evaluated.	Mar-04
Develop Framework for Evaluating Alternatives	Develop research, modeling and assessment frameworks.	October 2003 - ongoing
	Define roles and responsibilities of Oyster EIS Planning, Technical and Advisory Groups.	March-04
	Cost-sharing and project management plan signed by lead agencies.	September 7, 2005
Develop Peer Review Plan	Establish Independent Oyster Advisory Panel to review sufficiency of EIS.	November 23, 2004
	Office of Budget and Management Issues Bulletin on Federal Peer Review Guidelines for Federal Decision Documents.	December 16, 2004
	Determination that OMB Bulletin applies to scientific information used to support EIS.	November 2005
	Submit Draft OMB Peer Review Plan for compliance review.	January 2006
	Obtain compliance approval for Draft OMB Peer Review Plan.	February 28, 2006
EIS Component	Future Milestones	Updated Schedule
Research ²	Obtain results to support models and assessments.	Ongoing
	Obtain and incorporate peer review comments on the research reports.	Ongoing
Larvae Transport Model ²	Obtain <i>C. virginica</i> output data from larvae transport model.	June 5, 2006
Demographic Model for <i>C. virginica</i> ²	Obtain final documentation of the demographic modeling projections for <i>C. virginica</i> .	August 25, 2006

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Demographic Model for <i>C. ariakensis</i> ²	Obtain final documentation of the demographic modeling projections for <i>C. ariakensis</i> .	November 17, 2006
Ecological Risk Assessment ²	Obtain final documentation of ecological risk assessment after peer review is completed.	January 12, 2007
Economic and Cultural Assessments ²	Obtain final documentation of the economic and cultural assessments to include integration with results from the demographic model and ecological risk assessment.	March 23, 2007
EIS Writing and Review ²	Obtain and incorporate comments from the Independent Oyster Advisory Panel and Project Delivery Team on the pre-draft EIS.	May 3, 2007
	Determine whether or not to release Draft EIS for public review.	May 31, 2007

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